SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Tuesday May 12, 2015

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SJR 8 Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

SB 309 (LC) Campbell/ et al.

Relating to public access to boundary, financial, and tax rate information of certain political subdivisions.

SB 310 Campbell/ et al.

Relating to procedures and requirements for the issuance of certificates of obligation.

SB 830 (CS) Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of an independent ombudsman for children and youth in foster care.

SB 1004 (CS) Bettencourt

Relating to courses and programs offered jointly by certain public junior colleges and independent school districts.

SB 1058 Hinojosa

Relating to the reporting of criminal history record information of educators and other public school employees who engage in certain misconduct.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1169 (CS) Campbell/ et al.

Relating to suicide prevention training for educators in public schools.

SB 1229 (LC) Seliger

Relating to restrictions on the use of credit card payments to settle claims for health care services.

SB 1259 (CS) (LC) Rodríguez

Relating to the development of an individualized education program for a child in public school.

SB 1497 (CS) Taylor, Van

Relating to a requirement that a school district or open-enrollment charter school terminate certain employees convicted of certain offenses.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1882 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini

Relating to a bill of rights for wards under guardianship.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1899 (CS) (LC) Campbell/ et al.

Relating to the regulation of emergency medical services.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 2057 (LC) Taylor, Van

Relating to the creation of the Double R Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 1 and 2 of Hunt County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 275 Ashby/ Clardy/ Fallon/ SP: Nichols VanDeaver

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of farm products.

HB 505 (LC) Rodriguez, Eddie/ Workman/ SP: Estes/ et al.

Smith/ Dale/ et al.

Relating to a prohibition of limitations on the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a public high school student may enroll.

HB 658 Zerwas/ Miller, Rick/ Reynolds/ SP: Kolkhorst

Stephenson/ Anderson, Charles

"Doc"

Relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical College System in Fort Bend County.

HB 744 (LC) Huberty SP: Creighton

Relating to the purchase of certain insurance by public school districts.

HB 903 (LC) Capriglione/ Otto/ Simmons/ SP: Taylor, Van/ et al.

Bonnen, Greg/ Meyer/ et al.

Relating to the investment of a percentage of the economic stabilization fund balance in excess of the sufficient balance.

HB 941 Hernandez/ Faircloth SP: Perry/ et al.

Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system.

2 Floor Amendments

HB 1246 (CS) (LC) Koop/ et al. SP: Hall

Relating to the methods of delivery for required financial statement forms sent to certain municipal officeholders and candidates for municipal office.

HB 1378 (CS) (LC) Flynn/ Murphy/ Anderson, SP: Bettencourt/ et al.

Charles "Doc"/ et al.

Relating to the fiscal transparency of political subdivisions.

HB 1606 (LC) Burkett/ Price/ Raymond/ SP: Hinojosa

Dutton/Gonzales, Larry/ et al.

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Investment Council, including assumption of the duties of the Texas Skill Standards Board.

HB 1678 (LC) Raymond/ Price/ Naishtat SP: Schwertner

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

HB 1679 (LC) Raymond/ Burkett/ Price/ SP: Birdwell

Villalba

Relating to the continuation of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

HB 1769 (LC) Zerwas/ Faircloth/ et al. SP: Uresti

Relating to requirements for assisted living facility license applicants.

HB 1945 Bonnen, Greg/Simpson/Fallon/ SP: Hancock

et al.

Relating to the provision of direct primary care.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 2213 Metcalf SP: Creighton

Relating to the tow rotation list in certain counties.

HB 3327 (LC) Alvarado/ Herrero/ Harless/ SP: Huffman/ et al.

Raymond/ Turner, Sylvester/

et al.

Relating to a grant program to fund domestic violence high risk teams.

HB 3633 (LC) Herrero/ Collier SP: West

Relating to reimbursement for the costs of legal services provided to an indigent defendant in a criminal case.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:

SB 2065 (CS) Estes/ et al.

Relating to the rights of certain religious organizations and individuals relating to a marriage that violates a sincerely held religious belief.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:

SB 1624 (CS) Rodríguez/ et al.

Relating to a requirement that certain entering students at a general academic teaching institution receive information regarding mental health and suicide prevention services.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SCR 39 Hinojosa/ Lucio

Urging Hidalgo County to reduce its tax rate upon establishment of the Hidalgo County Healthcare District.

HCR 34 (LC) Raymond SP: Zaffirini

Directing DPS to name the new crime lab in Laredo the Oscar "O. J." Hale Crime Lab.

HCR 114 Johnson/ Anchia/ Meyer/ Rose/ SP: West

Koop/ et al.

Recognizing the Operation Blue Shield initiative.

The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

Committee referral on the following:

SCR 46 Rodríguez

Directing the governor of the State of Texas to posthumously award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to Marcelino Serna.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 2075 Campbell

Relating to the annexation and eminent domain powers of and the development of certain wastewater projects by the Needmore Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 14 Morrison/ Isaac/ Reynolds

Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 96 Flynn

Relating to the authority of the Cash Special Utility District to issue bonds.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 127 McClendon

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Commendation Medal.

Transportation

HB 227 Guillen

Relating to disposition of certain unclaimed money by local telephone exchange companies.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 257 Farney/ Thompson, Senfronia/

Sheets/ King, Ken/ Price

Relating to a judge's or justice's significant interest in a business entity that owns, manages, or operates a private correctional or rehabilitation facility.

State Affairs

HB 258 Miles/ Laubenberg/ et al.

Relating to the provision of the reason for rejecting a voter registration application.

State Affairs

HB 281 Simmons/ Parker

Relating to a limitation on the expansion of certain landfills.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 353 King, Ken/ Springer/ Burns/ Simpson/ Guillen/ et al.

Relating to the application of certain weapons laws to and liability for certain actions of volunteer emergency services personnel licensed to carry a concealed handgun.

State Affairs

HB 416 Riddle/ Clardy/ Bohac/ Miller, Rick/ Cyrier/ et al.

Relating to requiring personnel of abortion facilities and certain other facilities performing abortions to complete training on human trafficking.

Health & Human Services

HB 634 Metcalf/ et al.

Relating to the rights of a guardian of a person in the criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice

HB 638 Anchia/ Simmons

Relating to annuity payments to surviving spouses and designated beneficiaries of persons wrongfully imprisoned.

State Affairs

HB 648 Krause

Relating to the selection of directors to the board of directors for the Viridian Municipal Management District.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 866 Thompson, Ed

Relating to the exemption from jury service of a person who is the primary caretaker of another person. **State Affairs**

HB 939 Dale/ Schaefer/ Oliveira/ Canales

Relating to unenforceable restrictive covenants regarding standby electric generators affecting residential homes.

Business & Commerce

HB 991 Bohac/ Capriglione/ Villalba/

Fallon

Relating to the display of notice of federal and state tax rates for motor fuel sold at retail.

Transportation

HB 1083 Márquez/ Guillen/ Rose/ Collier

Relating to a mental health assessment of certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. **Criminal Justice**

HB 1101 Turner, Sylvester

Relating to extending the period over which the balance of the system benefit fund is to be eliminated. **Finance**

HB 1169 Flynn/ Fallon/ Guillen/ et al.

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information in the possession of an appraisal district; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Business & Commerce

HB 1200 Simpson/ Smithee/ Raymond/

Keffer/ Price/ et al.

Relating to civil liability of a person who produces, distributes, sells, or provides or aids in the production, distribution, sale, or provision of certain synthetic substances to another person for damages caused by the other person.

State Affairs

HB 1230 Anderson, Rodney

Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses involving the operation of an overweight vehicle.

Transportation

HB 1295 Capriglione/ Geren/ Fallon

Relating to the disclosure of interested parties by persons contracting with governmental entities and state agencies.

Business & Commerce

HB 1329 Naishtat

Relating to the payment of costs incurred by the involuntary commitment of persons with mental illness. **State Affairs**

HB 1425 Fletcher/ White, James

Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

Criminal Justice

HB 1431 King, Susan

 $Relating \ to \ the \ development \ of \ a \ career-oriented \ for eign \ language \ program \ that \ public \ schools \ may \ offer.$

Education

HB 1481 Murphy/ Herrero/ Deshotel/

Fletcher/ Phillips

Relating to prohibiting the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities; creating a criminal offense.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations-S/C Border Security

HB 1492 Miller, Doug/ Keffer/ Phillips/

Clardy/ Sheets/ et al.

Relating to consideration of asbestos or silica trust claims in certain actions asserting asbestos- or silica-related injuries.

State Affairs

HB 1514 Sheffield

Relating to health insurance identification cards issued by qualified health plan issuers.

Business & Commerce

HB 1541 Burkett/ Turner, Sylvester/ Rose/

King, Susan/ Guillen

Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

Health & Human Services

HB 1542 Paddie

Relating to the use of digital message display systems in certain public facilities.

Business & Commerce

HB 1551 Howard/ Bonnen, Greg/ Koop

Relating to money distributed by the School Land Board to the available school fund or to the State Board of Education for investment in the permanent school fund.

Finance

HB 1613 Guillen

Relating to the use of performance on certain assessment instruments designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to satisfy requirements concerning high school end-of-course assessment instruments.

Higher Education

HB 1631 Phelan

Relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain municipalities and counties.

Transportation

HB 1663 Cook/ Villalba/ Fallon

Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.

Criminal Justice

HB 1692 Sheets

Relating to the doctrine of forum non conveniens.

State Affairs

HB 1724 Sheffield/ Zerwas/ Miller, Rick/

Guillen/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of a state plan for Streptococcus pneumoniae education and prevention.

Health & Human Services

HB 1790 Márquez/ Nevárez

Relating to job performance on behalf of a fire fighter or police officer who is recovering from an offduty injury.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1830 Kuempel/ Flynn/ Miller, Rick/

Guillen/ et al.

Relating to the regulation of amusement redemption machine game rooms.

Business & Commerce

HB 1905 Springer/ Fallon

Relating to the repeal of certain alcoholic beverage taxes and the tax on controlled substances.

Finance

HB 1930 White, James/ Flynn

Relating to strategic planning for the operation of community supervision and corrections departments.

Criminal Justice

HB 1982 Miller, Rick

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the University of Houston.

Transportation

HB 2004 Darby/ Zerwas/ Guillen

Relating to a pilot project to provide emergency telemedicine medical services in rural areas.

Health & Human Services

HB 2014 Sheets/ Fallon/ Guillen/ Moody

Relating to the authority of military personnel to obtain certification to teach career and technology education classes in public schools.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HB 2025 Gonzales, Larry

Relating to participation of certain school districts in the three-year high school diploma plan pilot program.

Education

HB 2123 King, Phil/ Fallon/ Flynn

Relating to participation of the state military forces in the state group benefits program.

State Affairs

HB 2168 Muñoz, Jr.

Relating to the payment date for annuities from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

HB 2300 Riddle

Relating to eliminating telegraph transmission as a method to communicate certain information in a criminal case.

Criminal Justice

HB 2302 Riddle/ Rose

Relating to the mandatory dismissal of misdemeanor charges against certain defendants determined to be incompetent to stand trial.

Criminal Justice

HB 2401 Isaac

Relating to the powers of the Crosswinds Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds for road projects.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 2448 White, James

Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine the state jail system within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice

HB 2489 Leach

Relating to regulation by a property owners' association of residential leases or rental agreements.

Business & Commerce

HB 2595 Keffer/ Fallon

Relating to the use of municipal initiative and referendum to restrict property rights.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 2644 Blanco

Relating to notice given of election precinct boundary changes.

State Affairs

HB 2647 Ashby/ Larson/ Paddie/ Clardy/

Lucio III/ et al.

Relating to a limitation on the authority to curtail groundwater production from wells used for power generation or mining.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 2776 Murphy

Relating to certain premium discounts and rating programs for certain residential property insurance policies.

Business & Commerce

HB 2778 Elkins

Relating to the elections for which federal postcard applicant voters may be sent ballots by e-mail.

State Affairs

HB 2896 Parker/ Fallon

Relating to apportionment of certain receipts of a broadcaster under the franchise tax.

Finance

HB 2903 Davis, Sarah

Relating to training requirements for certain child-care workers.

Health & Human Services

HB 2920 Naishtat

Relating to the eligibility of a former or retired statutory probate court judge for assignment as a visiting judge.

State Affairs

HB 2946 Phillips

Relating to certain laws governing the intersections of railroad tracks and public roadways.

Transportation

HB 2977 Coleman

Relating to counties and certain other political subdivisions; authorizing fees.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 3056 Reynolds/ et al.

Relating to the procedures for applying for a ballot to be voted by mail; affecting the prosecution of a criminal offense.

State Affairs

HB 3121 Thompson, Senfronia

Relating to the enforcement of orders in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

State Affairs

HB 3136 Naishtat

Relating to the use of a small estate affidavit to distribute certain intestate estates.

State Affairs

HB 3160 Alonzo/ Thompson, Senfronia

Relating to an exception to the period of filing an application for the grant of letters testamentary or of administration of a decedent's estate.

State Affairs

HB 3302 Darby/ Coleman/ et al.

Relating to highway landscaping projects.

Transportation

HB 3310 Paul/ Flynn/ Alonzo/ Fallon

Relating to the funding policies, actuarial valuations, and reporting requirements of certain public retirement systems.

State Affairs

HB 3433 Sheffield/ Springer/ Clardy

Relating to level of care designations for hospitals that provide neonatal and maternal care.

Health & Human Services

HB 3453 Lozano/ Hunter

Relating to participation in and rates for coverage provided under the uniform group coverage program for active employees.

State Affairs

HB 3511 Davis, Sarah

Relating to the contents of financial statements that are electronically filed by certain persons; adding a provision subject to criminal penalties.

State Affairs

HB 3512 Davis, Sarah

Relating to lobbying activities and the registration of lobbyists.

State Affairs

HB 3517 Davis, Sarah

Relating to requirements governing registration and authorized activities of certain lobbyists; expanding the applicability of an occupational registration.

State Affairs

HB 3547 Larson/ Button/ Farias/ Blanco/

Villalba

Relating to a voluntary veteran's employment preference for private employers.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HB 3603 Burns

Relating to the creation of the Joshua Farms Municipal Management District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments or fees.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 3605 Burns

Relating to the creation of the Joshua Farms Municipal Management District No. 2; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments or fees.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 4034 Darby/ Guillen/ Fallon

Relating to the dedication of revenue derived from the tax levied on crude petroleum production.

Finance

HB 4062 Coleman/ Keffer/ Thompson, Senfronia/ Davis, Sarah/ Zerwas

Relating to limitations on the percentage of money awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas for certain uses.

Finance

HB 4112 Burns/ et al.

Relating to the rights of an owner of groundwater.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 4155 Farney

Relating to the creation of the Vineyard Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

HCR 95 Geren/ Craddick

In memory of Roy Houston Moore of Austin.

Administration

HCR 104 Sheets/ Anderson, Rodney/

Canales/ White, James/ Wu/ et al.

Designating #txlege as the official hashtag of the Texas Legislature.

Administration

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR